

1. (Twice Amended) An instrument comprising a tube with a rotating blade at a distal end of said tube, and adapted for a drive unit at a proximate end of the instrument, a suction passage provided in said tube for exhausting tissue particles, [and] a stationary blade spaced from said rotating blade and forming therewith an irrigation passage [provided] in said tube through which an irrigation liquid is passed to the distal end for cleaning the rotating blade and for assistance in exhausting tissue particles.

4. ~~6.~~ (Twice Amended) Instrument according to Claim 1, characterized in that said irrigation passage is disposed in the instrument in an asymmetrical [a nonsymmetrical] arrangement with respect to an axis along which the rotating blade extends.

Claim 7, line 1, change "5" to read --1--.

Claim 14, line 4, change "which does not serve for cutting" to read ~~of said irrigation channel spaced from said distal end of said tube--~~.

12. ~~15.~~ (Twice Amended) An instrument [according to Claim 1, characterized] comprising a tube with a rotating blade at a distal end of said tube, and adapted for a drive unit at a proximate end of the instrument, a suction passage provided in said tube for exhausting tissue particles, an irrigation passage provided in said tube through which an irrigation liquid is passed to the distal end for cleaning the blade and for assistance in exhausting tissue particle, and [by providing] coaxial proximal connectors for said suction and irrigation passages.